Page 1, line 33, insert the following title: "Summary of the Invention".

Page 2, lines 1-2, please delete this paragraph.

Page 5, line 27, insert the following title: "Brief Description of the Drawings".

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Embodiment".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising an essentially cylindrically shaped housing formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment and a sound exit opening, wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields an electronics unit located therein against electromagnetic waves.
- 2. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the battery compartment comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing.
- 3. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
- 4. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 2, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

- 5. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a first housing component with the battery compartment being fastened together with a second housing component and an O-ring seal (3) being located therebetween.
- 6. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the treatment device is free of external moving operating elements.
- 7. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.
- 8. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, further comprising retaining means provided in the battery compartment to fix the position of a battery therein.
- 9. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the battery compartment further comprises a hole of small diameter for allowing external access to the battery.
- 10. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the retaining means comprise a magnet.
- 11. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 10, wherein the magnet comprises a ring magnet, and wherein the battery compartment comprises a hole for allowing external access to the battery, the hole exiting into a center recess of the ring magnet.